

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 1543 - SB 1602

February 24, 2018

SUMMARY OF BILL: Increases training requirements for bounty hunters, including additional training for bounty hunters who will carry a firearm. Requires the Department of Commerce and Insurance (DCI) to certify the new training courses.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

**Increase State Expenditure – \$43,100/One-Time
\$57,700/Recurring**

Assumptions:

- Tennessee Code Annotated § 40-11-318 sets forth guidelines for bounty hunting.
- The proposed legislation changes the requirements of bounty hunters in this state and requires them to participate in eight hours of general training and pass an examination that covers at least the following: the legal powers and limitations of bounty hunting, emergency procedures, and general duties of bounty hunters.
- If the bounty hunter chooses to carry a firearm, the proposed legislation would require them to complete eight additional hours of firearms training and four hours of marksmanship training.
- The proposed legislation requires the DCI to administer these training requirements and examinations.
- The proposed legislation will require the creation of a new regulatory program of bounty hunters within the DCI.
- The creation of a new program will require an update of the Comprehensive Online Regulatory and Enforcement System (CORE) to adequately accommodate the provisions of the proposed legislation.
- The one-time increase in state expenditures for updating the CORE licensing system and for certification program development is estimated to be \$39,900 [(\$120 per hour x 320 hours) + \$1,500 rulemaking hearing].
- The proposed legislation will require one administrative assistant position to manage these duties within the DCI.
- The one-time increase in state expenditures for the new position is estimated to be \$3,200 (\$1,200 for computer setup for new position + \$2,000 for office space landscaping for new position).

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- The total one-time increase in state expenditure is estimated to be \$43,100 (\$39,900 + \$3,200)
- The recurring increase in state expenditures is estimated to be \$57,687 (\$40,400 salary + \$2,541 benefits + \$3,091 FICA + \$7,255 insurance + \$4,400 miscellaneous).

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Krista M. Lee". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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